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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Andrew M. Brown

FENTON RESTAURANT OWNER SENTENCED FOR CHEATING ON TAXES

The owner of Andrico's Restaurant in Fenton, Michigan was sentenced on July 11, 2006 to 10 months home confinement and three years probation, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Maurice Aouate, Special Agent In Charge of the Detroit Field Office of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

Andrew M. Brown, Jr., 52, of Fenton was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Paul V. Gadola.

Brown pleaded guilty on March 28, 2006 to an information charging him with tax evasion. According to the court records, Brown, owned and operated Andrico's, which generated substantial cash receipts, but that during 1999 and 2000 he did not report to his accountant all of the cash received. On or about April 14, 2000, Brown signed and filed a tax return stating that his taxable income for the year 1999 was \$175,325; but, in addition to that taxable income, Brown had received and personally used about \$128,374 in cash received at

Andrico's.

Judge Gadola also ordered Brown to pay \$10,000 fine, in addition to the 10 months home confinement and three years probation. Brown was also ordered to cooperate with IRS and has since made a \$100,000 payment to handle his civil tax liabilities.

"Tax evasion is not a victimless crime. Honest, hardworking Americans pay the price when others choose to evade their tax obligations. We will do all we can to make certain that our efforts result in voluntary compliance," U.S. Attorney Murphy said.

"The Internal Revenue Service spends a great deal of its resources in identifying individuals who willfully and intentionally violate their known legal duty of voluntarily filing returns and paying the correct amount of income tax," said Aouate. "We will continue to work with the United States Attorney to make sure that there are consequences to one's willful actions."

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert W. Haviland.